

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 24, and 47 are currently being amended. No new matter has been added

Claims 3 and 26 are requested to be canceled without prejudice.

This amendment deletes and changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 2, 4-25, and 27-69 are now pending in this application.

1. Rejection of Claims 24-46 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1 as Failing to Comply With the Written Description Requirement

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 24-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Office Action states:

[t]he claim(s) contain subject matter ‘the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being configured to receive SD cards’ which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Office Action § 3.

Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion, and submit that the claims as presently worded comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1. The Office Action acknowledges that the specification discloses that slot 150 of device 130 is to receive SD card 160 and slot 140 of the handheld computer is to receive device 130 (e.g., paragraphs [0018-0019].” Office Action § 2 (emphasis in original). The Office Action then

asserts that “there is no support in the Specification that slot 150 and slot 140 [both] being sized to receive the SD card.” Office Action § 2. Applicants point out, however, that the Specification states that, according various embodiments of the invention, “SDIO module 130 is based on the Secure Digital (SD) memory card,” see ¶ [0017], “expansion slot 150 may be configured to accept and electronically couple to either of SD memory cards, MMC memory cards or any other types of flash memory cards,” see ¶ [0019], and that “[i]n operation, a user of handheld computer 110 couples accessory device 130 to slot 140 in housing 120 of handheld computer 100 by sliding the SDIO card connector into slot 140 where an electrical connection is made,” see ¶ [0018]. Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 24, and corresponding depending claims 25 and 27-46, comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 24, 25, and 27-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1 be withdrawn.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18-20, 24-26, 29-32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 41-43, 47-49, 52-55, 57, 58, 60, 63-65, and 69 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA

In section 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18-20, 24-26, 29-32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 41-43, 47-49, 52-55, 57, 58, 60, 63-65, and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,870) in view of SDA.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Mills et al. teaches a removable expansion card 100 having a slot 121 for a removable memory 120 that extends within PDA 200. See Figs. 7 and 8. SDA is directed to SD I/O cards and a summary of some of their potential uses and configurations. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1, and corresponding dependent claims 2, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 18-20, be withdrawn.

Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated:

The Examiner interprets “the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to receive[] SD cards” as due to the physical size of the slots and the cards” since card 100 of Mills et al. fits into the slot of device 130 and device 130 then fits into the slot of the PDA, thus card 160 also fits into the PDA (as shown in Fig. 8 of Mills et al. and similarly in Fig. 3 of Applicant), therefore the expansion slot of device 130 and the slot of the PDA both being sized to receive the card.

Office Action § 2.

Applicants have amended claim 24 to clarify the structural features of the claimed subject matter. Specifically, claim 24 recites “the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards.” What is taught by Mills et al. is that removable expansion card 100 fits in a first sized slot (such as a compact flash slot) of PDA 200, and also has a second sized slot 121 of its own to accommodate an SD sized memory card 120. Thus, Mills et al., alone or in any proper combination with SDA, fails to teach or suggest “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) as recited in independent

claim 24. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of independent claim 24, and corresponding dependent claims 25, 29-32, 34, 35, 37, 38, and 41-43, be withdrawn.

Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. What is taught by Mills et al. is that removable expansion card 100 fits in a first sized slot (such as a compact flash slot) of PDA 200, and also has a second sized slot 121 of its own to accommodate an SD sized memory card 120. Thus, Mills et al., alone or in any proper combination with SDA, fails to teach or suggest “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” as recited in independent claim 47. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of independent claim 47, and corresponding dependent claims 48, 49, 52-55, 57, 58, 60, 63-65, and 69, be withdrawn.

3. Rejection of Claims 4, 5, 27, 28, 50, and 51 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Petty

In section 5 of the Office Action, claims 4, 5, 27, 28, 50, and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Petty (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,486). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Petty fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claims 4 and 5 depend from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of

the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Petty fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claims 4 and 5 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 4 and 5 be withdrawn.

Claims 27 and 28 depend from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Petty fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claims 27 and 28 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 27 and 28 be withdrawn.

Claims 50 and 51 depend from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Petty fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claims 50 and 51 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 50 and 51 be withdrawn.

4. Rejection of Claims 10, 33, and 56 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Jones

In section 6 of the Office Action, claims 10, 33, and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Jones

(U.S. Patent No. 6,145,046). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Jones fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claim 10 depends from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Jones fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claim 10 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 10 be withdrawn.

Claim 33 depends from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Jones fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claim 33 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 33 be withdrawn.

Claim 56 depends from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills

et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Jones fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claim 56 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 56 be withdrawn.

5. Rejection of Claims 13, 36, and 59 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Nakashima

In section 7 of the Office Action, claims 13, 36, and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Nakashima (U.S. Patent No. 6,182,204). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Nakashima fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claim 13 depends from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Nakashima fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claim 13 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 13 be withdrawn.

Claim 36 depends from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Nakashima

fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claim 36 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 36 be withdrawn.

Claim 59 depends from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Nakashima fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claim 59 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 59 be withdrawn.

6. Rejection of Claims 16, 39, and 61 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Onari et al.

In section 8 of the Office Action, claims 16, 39, and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Onari et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,132,391). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Onari et al. fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claim 16 depends from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Onari et al. fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claim 16 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 16 be withdrawn.

Claim 39 depends from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Onari et al. fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claim 39 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 39 be withdrawn.

Claim 61 depends from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Onari et al. fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claim 61 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 61 be withdrawn.

7. Rejection of Claims 17, 40, and 62 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Rajchel

In section 9 of the Office Action, claims 17, 40, and 62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Rajchel (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,575). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Rajchel fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claim 17 depends from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module

housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Rajchel fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claim 17 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 17 be withdrawn.

Claim 40 depends from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Rajchel fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claims 40 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 40 be withdrawn.

Claim 62 depends from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Rajchel fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claim 62 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 62 be withdrawn.

8. Rejection of Claims 21, 22, 44, 45, 66, and 67 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Miller

In section 10 of the Office Action, claims 21, 22, 44, 45, 66, and 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Miller (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,168). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Miller fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claims 21 and 22 depend from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Miller fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claims 21 and 22 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 21 and 22 be withdrawn.

Claims 44 and 45 depend from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Miller fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claims 44 and 45 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 44 and 45 be withdrawn.

Claim 66 and 67 depend from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Miller fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claims 66 and 67 depend. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 66 and 67 be withdrawn.

9. Rejection of Claims 23, 46, and 68 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Mills et al. in View of SDA and Further in View of Harari et al.

In section 11 of the Office Action, claims 4, 5, 27, 28, 50, and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mills et al. in view of SDA and further in view of Harari et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,724). For the reasons stated below, Applicants submit that the combination of Mills et al., SDA, and Harari et al. fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation in each of the rejected claims.

Claim 23 depends from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing, the expansion slot having a second SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC) the first portion of the SDIO module housing configured to be located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the handheld computer so that the expansion slot is entirely external to the periphery of the handheld computer,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Harari et al. fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 1, from which claim 23 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 23 be withdrawn.

Claim 46 depends from independent claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot defined by a first portion of the SDIO module housing coupled to the SDIO module the first portion of the SDIO module

housing located adjacent and parallel with a back side of the housing, the expansion slot having an SDIO interface configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot and the slot in the housing both being sized to accept and electronically couple with SD cards,” (emphasis added) which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Harari et al. fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 24, from which claim 46 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 46 be withdrawn.

Claim 68 depends from independent claim 47. Claim 47 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “an expansion slot coupled to the SDIO module, the expansion slot configured to selectively couple to one of a Secure Digital (SD) card and a multimedia card (MMC), the expansion slot configured to be located entirely external to the periphery of the electronic device,” which is not taught or suggested by Mills et al. or SDA, alone or in any proper combination. Harari et al. fails to make up for the deficiencies of Mills et al. and SDA with respect to independent claim 47, from which claim 68 depends. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 68 be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

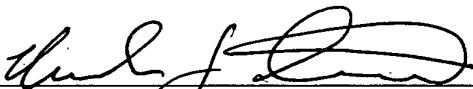
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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